

CHRISTMAS TIMES.

Strange Weather, but No Signs of Hard Times.

MOST OF THE PEOPLE MAKE MERRY

And the Merchants Do Almost as Lively a Business as in Years Supposed to be More Prosperous—Celebrations in the Churches and Elsewhere.



BOUT as merry a Christmas it is today as Wheeling usually enjoys. There was some complaint among the merchants up to Saturday that business was slower than usual, but Saturday and Sunday evening the trade picked up wonderfully and the streets were thronged all day and till a late hour at night. Fully as many people were seen with bundles and toys as heretofore on Christmas eve, but it was found that while people bought about as many parcels and presents as a year ago, there was a tendency to select cheaper things and make a smaller amount of money do the work.

Christmas trees and holly or other trimmings were rapidly disposed of, and in the character of the presents from the customary Christmas shopper's demands. Candy, fruit, nuts and toys went off very much as if no body had ever heard of hard times. Doubtless many a family used to a merry Christmas this year do without, but the day in general will be celebrated as it has been time immemorial. Yesterday the churches celebrated the anniversary with more than usual impressiveness. Music was a prominent feature of all the services. At the Fourth street M. E. church there was a very large congregation yesterday and last evening, when the following programmes were rendered by the choir:

Organ Voluntary—Thayer
Ring Out—Carroll—Loud
Soprano Solo—The Holy City—Adams
While all things were in quietude—MacLaren
Quartet—O let your mingling voices rise—Holden
It came upon a midnight clear—Gilchrist
Organ—Closing Offertorium—Wise
Organ Voluntary—Augustus
The angel of Gabriel was sent from God—Smart
Bass Solo—Nazareth—Ground
Sing Alleluia Forth—Coombs
I had a dream of Bethlehem—Coombs
Sop. Solo—Christmas recitative and aria—Turpin
Christmas Carol—Loud

At the English Lutheran church a special programme was also given. Rev. J. E. Maurer, of Allegheny, Pa., preached morning and evening. The following numbers were rendered by the choir under the direction of Miss Anna Ieraol:

I—Christmas Carol—"Glory be to God in the highest."
II—Antiphon—"Wake, oh, my Soul!"
III—Antiphon—"Angels' Chorus."
IV—Antiphon—"Peace on Earth."

Special Christmas service will be rendered by the Sunday School to-night, and offerings made for the needy.

At St. Luke's the following was the musical programme:

Carol—"Joyful, Wondrous News"—Danks
Te Deum in B minor—Buck
Jubilate in D—Buck
Offertory—Bethlehem—Shelley

The choir is made up of the following vocalists under the direction of Prof. J. M. Hammond: Miss Loretta McGranahan, Isabel Henry, Fannie Stanton, Minnie McClement and Mrs. Hammond, sopranos; Misses Belle and Bessie McGranahan and Helen McCoy, altos; Messrs. Geyer, Danner, Stewart and Robinson, tenors; Messrs. Taylor, Merchant and Crawford, basses. Miss Annie V. Sage is the organist.

At St. Matthews the following were sung yesterday morning:

Carol—"Glory to God"—Nevin
Veni—Milled
Gloria Patri—Weber
Gloria in Excelsis—Buck
Te Deum—Root
Jubilate—Root
Offertory—Williams
Gloria Tibi—Tours
Sweet Babe of Bethlehem—Warren

The following persons compose the choir: Mrs. Flora Williams, Mrs. Peebles Tatum, Mr. J. E. Mendel and Mr. George Somers, and Miss Wilde, organist. They were assisted by Mrs. Geo. B. Caldwell, Mrs. Allen Brock, Dr. Aechman and Mr. W. McLellan.

A SERMON TO KNIGHTS.

Last evening the rector Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope, addressed a sermon to the Knights Templar of the city. The church was comfortably well filled, and the interesting discourse was listened to with attention. He prefaced his talk with an interesting sketch of the old time military order from which the modern templars are descended. Today it is different; the knightly man is found not in a steel corset, but in the walks of business and professional life. In some forms there is a resemblance between the old and the modern knights, both represent the virtues, the goodness and heroism and charity.

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Since last December many of our order have passed away from this world. Ere we assemble again we know not who will be missing. You are strong to-day, but to-morrow, when least expected, the death angel will call you away. Always be on your guard, for you know not the hour of his coming. When he comes have no fear, but lay aside the sword at the command of the Great Grand Master.

OTHER SERVICES.

The First Presbyterian choir rendered the following special music: "Hark! What Mean These Holy Voices?" Sudds; "There Were Shepherds," Buck; "Christmas Anthem," Buck; "The Angel's Song," Crammer. The choir which rendered a song service at the morning and evening services is composed of Misses Grace Updegraff, soprano; Grace Finnell, alto; Messrs. W. B. Day, tenor; W. D. McCoy, bass. Miss Fannie Bell presides at the organ.

The choir of St. Luke's church rendered the following programme in



the morning, beginning at 10:30, and it will be repeated at the morning services next Sunday:

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Veni—Milled
Gloria Patri—Weber
Gloria in Excelsis—Buck
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Jubilate in D—Buck
Offertory—Bethlehem—Shelley
Hymn—Hymn

In addition to the services in the churches several societies gave appropriate celebrations last evening. This evening there will be many balls and entertainments.

One of the most pleasing of the Christmas festivities was an entertainment and Christmas treat at the Tabernacle on South street, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Bartlebaugh, who has been conducting the services and the Sunday school there. The pupils took part with spirit in a fine programme, and after this all were given useful presents, pairs of shoes and articles of clothing. It is seldom a more joyous occasion of the kind is seen anywhere.

The weather was perhaps the most peculiar yesterday that was ever experienced here the day before Christmas. The sky was clear, the sun shone bright and the thermometer stood at 67.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS.

A number of them took place last Saturday.

Saturday at noon, at Denwood Junction shops of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the foreman Mr. John Pracht, was presented with an umbrella. The present came from the employees under Mr. Pracht, and the presentation speech which was very neat, was made by Mr. Wm. Weisgerber.

The employees of Spears' axle works presented their fellow workman, Mr. Crummit, with a handsome smoking set.

At noon the employees of the Wheeling Laundry presented their employers, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Potter, with a handsome banquet lamp. Mr. Caleb Sylvius made the presentation speech, and Mr. Potter responded appropriately.

The scholars of the Wheeling Business College gave their instructor, Mr. George W. Kramer, an umbrella.

"A SNAKE IN THE GRASS" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is just out for the new year.

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A CONCERT HALL

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WORK WILL BE COMMENCED SOON

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More Bowling Alleys to be also Added—The Concert Hall Will be an Immense Structure, to Hold Four Thousand People—A Season of Summer Entertainments.

Within a few days work will be started on extensive improvements at the popular resort, Wheeling Park, which will make it one of the most delightful and complete amusement resorts in the country. It has been decided that an immense concert hall building shall be erected in the rear of the present bowling alley building, and that the bowling alley structure will be enlarged so that there will be twice as many alleys as at present—eight. The concert hall will be an immense one, capable of holding four thousand or more people. The amount to be expended in carrying out the proposed additions and improvements will be considerable and a number of idle workmen will find employment when it is badly needed. The stockholders and board of directors of the Wheeling Park Association have both passed favorably upon these matters so that their consummation is a certainty.

Manager Rolf, of the Park, was seen by an INTELLIGENCER reporter and gave the above information. He says that especially in the heated season a concert hall has been needed, particularly on picnic days. He also intimated that the park management would provide a series of summer attractions, though he did not divulge their character. They will probably be in the line of summer concerts or opera, and will no doubt prove a popular feature.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Dr. Andrew J. Wilson, of this city, is here on a visit for the holidays. He is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania and will graduate from that institution of learning next summer. Robert A. Irwin, a brother of Will W. Irwin, the South Side druggist, is also a student there and is here on a visit. Both gentlemen are much interested in college athletics. Mr. Wilson being a member of the university crew of '93, and Irwin is the quarter back of the class of '95 football team.

N. B. Scott leaves to-day for Cripple Creek, the new gold mine camp in Colorado, that is now attracting attention all over the country. Three cars shipped out by their company last week, netted six thousand dollars, or about \$93 per ton. Since the value of the claims have increased so much there is more or less litigation. Mr. Scott goes to look after his interests.

J. W. Paul, of Monongah, is at the McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Meno, of Sistersville, are in the city, guests of the Behler.

J. E. Smith, of Mannington, and Fred B. Grinnell, of Parkersburg, are at the Stamm.

John C. Franklin, one of Point Pleasant's leading business men, is a Windsor guest.

Miss Bessie Steele, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Mattie Ott, on Fourteenth street.

W. T. Harrison, of Parkersburg, formerly clerk of the Hotel Behler, is in the city, the guest of his friend, Clay Dean.

A party of Raymond City people are at the Stamm, including F. E. Courtney, C. C. Weber, Edward B. Neal and E. G. Dale.

Dr. William G. Clark and wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are spending the holidays with Dr. Clark's parents at Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Isaac Birch, of the Robinson Glass Company of Zanesville, is visiting the family of his uncle, Mr. J. I. Birch, on Main street.

"Joe" Zimmer, of the Stamm, has decorated the register with a pretty conceit in water colors, representing "Old Kris Kringle."

Mr. Martin Thornton, the retired restaurateur, will leave for Louisville on Wednesday to attend to his property interests in that city.

Mr. Frank J. Ort, of the Ironton, Ohio, Ironfoundry, and Mr. James I. Gorman, of the same place, were here enroute home yesterday.

J. C. Robinson, of Mannington; T. J. Danford, of St. Clairsville, and C. Roney, of Sistersville, are among the West Virginians at the popular Behler.

Miss Anna Moore and brother Frank, of East Main street, will spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Charles Menkemeller, of Wheeling.—Barnesville, O., Enterprise.

Mr. Roger Reese, of Etnaville, one of the oldest and most expert sheet rollers in the Ohio Valley, is confined to his room by asthma and an attack of grip. He was slightly improved Saturday.

Yesterday several members of Wheeling lodge of Elks, friends of Chief of Police McNichol, presented him with the prettiest Elks' charm ever seen in Wheeling. It is gold, enamelled and set with jewels.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

BISHOP P. J. DONAHUE.

What the Baltimore Sun Says of Bishop Kain's Successor.

The following about the new Bishop of Wheeling is from the Baltimore Sun: Information has been received of the appointment of Rev. P. J. Donahue, the rector of the Cathedral, to be Bishop of Wheeling, to succeed Rt. Rev. J. J. Kain, D. D., who was recently made Archbishop of St. Louis.

The official announcement of Father Donahue's elevation to the Diocese of Wheeling is expected in a short time. It is understood that he was the choice of Cardinal Gibbons and of the priests of the diocese to which he has been elevated.

The mode of procedure in the appointment of a bishop to fill a vacancy is by the selection of three names by the priests of the diocese. These names are submitted to a meeting of the bishops of the province in which the vacancy occurs. The meeting is at liberty to add names not in the list recommended by the priests. The full list, with whatever recommendation may be made by the meeting of bishops, is sent to Rome and the appointment is made by the Pope.

During the Cardinal's jubilee celebration a meeting of the bishops of the Province of Baltimore was held, and the names of the candidates for the vacant see of Wheeling were considered.

Rev. P. J. Donahue was born in Washington, D. C. After receiving a general education he studied law and was admitted to practice in that city. He afterward studied theology at St. Mary's Seminary, on Paca street. For a time he was assistant priest at St. Matthew's church, Washington, and afterward at St. John's, Baltimore. He was transferred to the cathedral as assistant priest by Cardinal Gibbons, and was then made chancellor for several years he was appointed rector of the cathedral in September, 1891. During his residence in Baltimore and his incumbency of the principal rectorship in the archdiocese Father Donahue became well known, and his promotion will be received by many persons with satisfaction.

The diocese of Wheeling comprises all of West Virginia except the counties of Pendleton, Grant, Mineral, Hardy, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson, which are in the diocese of Richmond; also, all that part of Virginia lying west of the counties of Patrick, Franklin and Roanoke and that portion of Craig county which in 1850 belonged to Montgomery county.

The diocese has 64 churches, 8 chapels, 4 convents, 14 parochial schools and the Catholic population is estimated at 20,000.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Hops and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The Model Comedy Company played "A Midnight Flood" Saturday night to a large and appreciative audience. This was the "first night" for the drama, written by Mr. Eagan, of the company, and it was well played. The plot is not very strong, but there are a good many laughable situations in it and the piece will catch most audiences. There is nothing in it to show that the scene is laid in Martin's Ferry excepting one local "gag."

The Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday schools will not only have entertainments to-night, but will receive donations for the poor. The U. P. will have its treat at 9 a. m. and will receive donations for the poor. There was an entertainment at the German Lutheran last night and special Christmas services at nearly all of the churches. The Catholic will receive donations at the morning services.

Martin's Ferry water rents will be due January 1. Ten per cent discount will be allowed if paid on or before January 10, after which time water will be shut off if not paid.

MATH J. S. MITCHELL, Secretary.

Dan, a ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morgan, of Broadway, was struck on the head by a stone while playing "duck" on Saturday and badly cut.

Mr. Jess Jones, chief chemist for Cramp Bros., ship builders in Philadelphia, is home for the holidays.

James O'Neill, of Fostoria, is here among friends and relatives. He formerly resided in Martin's Ferry.

The Laughlin and Aetna-Standard mills will resume to-morrow and the employees are not sorry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr will return to Martin's Ferry from Fredericktown, Va., and remain.

Nearly all of the merchants did better on Saturday than they expected.

Mayor Theodore Keller is able to be out again.

Mr. Will T. Williams has returned from Iowa.

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